

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A residual current device having a reset lockout mechanism comprising:
  - a housing;
  - a user handle connected to a compression arm; and
- 5 a solenoid having a magnetized shaft and a relay connected to the housing;
- a shim connected to the compression arm that is slidably engaged to move from a position between the path of the shaft and relay to a position not in between the path of the shaft and the relay.